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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, claims 1-38 are pending.
Restriction is required to one of the following inventions:

- I Claims 1-35, drawn to a twisted nematic liquid crystal display device for conducting a display operation in normally black mode;
- II Claims 36-38, drawn to a multilayer phase plate.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A, an embodiment, wherein a first optical compensator compensates for wavelength dependence of angle of rotation of polarized light passing through the liquid crystal layer in a black display state and a second optical compensator compensates for wavelength dependence of ellipticity of polarized light passing through the liquid crystal layer in the black state.

Species B, another embodiment, wherein a first optical compensator hardly changes polarization direction of linearly polarized light ray having a particular wavelength and substantially aligning the elliptical major-axis direction of an elliptically polarized light ray with particulars of wavelength and a second optical compensator has functions of passing linearly polarized light having particulars of wavelength and changing the elliptically polarized light ray.

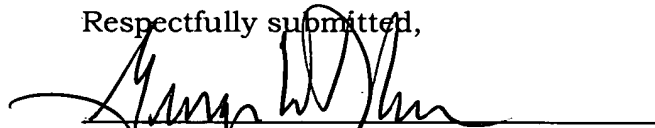
Species C, another embodiment, comprising a twisted nematic liquid crystal display device for conducting a display operation in normally black mode and specifying liquid crystal front retardation, slow axes of compensators and in-plane retardations of first and second optical compensators.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Species A, without traverse, for further examination in the present application.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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